

Duckin' Around

With
Maurice Duckson

Two well known Wakefield athletes, Don Baldwin and Mert McGill are currently coaching teams in the 13 and Under Recreation Department basketball leagues.

Don, who starred with the Warriors on the hard-woods last year but may miss the season due to a leg injury, is guiding the Morrison's Texaco quint, while Mert, a starter on the Green and White girls' squad and former junior high basketball player, is coaching the Barcroft Cleaners.

Three boys, now members of the Washington-Lee varsity cage squad have yet to meet defeat on the courts. Tom Ryan and Bob Haines both played for the Optimist Club 15 and Under team in 1952-53 season under Mort Irwin, and joined the Generals Jayvee team in the 1953-54 year, along with Ed Brown. This team went through 18 games without a defeat, as did the 15 and Under club, under the coaching of "Pop" Guinther, who is now head mentor of the varsity cagers at W-L.

Prize float in the Washington-Lee caravan to Alexandria on Turkey Day, was won by a group of W-L students who depicted a football field atop their auto, showing the field, yard lines, goal posts, cheerleaders and the works. This particular entry led the parade, with second place going to another group which somehow entered a hearse, covered with Blue and Grey streamers, and draping the remnants of an opposing (dummy) football player over the roof. More than 100 cars made their way across the county line, in strong support of the Generals, the best showing in many years, despite the continuance of playing "away"

for the many past years just to accommodate a larger crowd.

Fairfax High School has just released their 1954-55 basketball schedule, and will meet both Arlington schools twice, each on home and home basis. The Rebels varsity plays host to Washington-Lee on January 11th before they return the visit on February 3 while the Fairfax Jayvees meet Wakefield at home on January 15 and return to the Warriors' gym on January 28.

Wakefield baseball coach Mort Irwin is very pleased with his schedule for the coming season already completed. The Warriors will be meeting some of the top "nine's" in the area as they reach the "senior" stage of athletics at the new high school. Among the tough tests will be George Washington of Alexandria as well as Episcopal, Mount Vernon, Fairfax and Fayls Church. The Wakefield sluggers will also meet four Group II schools in Gar-Field, George Mason, Herndon and Annandale. Other opponents list Suitland, Richard Montgomery, St. Stevens and the Washington-Lee Jayvees. Twelve of the 20 scheduled games will be played on the home diamond. Last year the Warrior baseball team won and lost seven games, in a 15 game schedule the other tilt ending in a tie.

Biff Johnson is issuing a call to all Washington-Lee alumni basketball players, as he is rounding up a team to meet the varsity cagers on December 21. Practice dates will be announced for the use of the W-L gym as soon as Biff collects enough "old grads" to comprise his club. He can be contacted at Jefferson 3-3133.